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▶ Carolyn MacCullough holds a photo of her son Jason on the Dartmouth pathway where he was murdered almost 11 years ago.

Hope left in cold cases for families

▶ Police still investigating many unsolved murders in HRM ▶ Jason MacRae charged on Wednesday with first-degree murder in wife Paula Gallant's death



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As proven this week, cold cases can be closed.

An arrest four and a half years after the murder of Paula Gallant gives hope to families waiting for closure of their own.

Al and Carolyn MacCullough's son Jason was 19 when he was shot in the back of the head from point-blank range.

Jason was walking home, using a well-known shortcut on Pinecrest Drive in Dartmouth, at 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 28, 1999.

Al said Thursday it was "good to see" police track down a suspect in the Gallant case.

Carolyn added that it gave them "a little boost" to know there was an arrest in one of the cold cases.

"It gives us hope that they're not ignoring them," she said. "We are still behind the cops and we know they're doing what they can, we just wish they'd work a little faster."

In a press conference this week, Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley said the community and Gallant's family played a significant role in keeping the case in the public eye and encouraging people to come forward with information.

The Gallants are not alone in this effort: every year the McCulloughs participate in a march against violence in Dartmouth.

The families of Jonathan Reader, who was murdered in 2005 in Clayton Park, and Tanya Brooks, who was killed in 2009 in Halifax, hold similar awareness events.

Carolyn said they're not going anywhere, and will keep waiting for new insights into their son's case until the very end.

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The number of unsolved homicide cases in the HRM since 1955. For a complete list, go to www.halifax.ca/police.

Cold case unit

- A case is moved to the cold case unit when every investigative avenue is exhausted, said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter.
- "But ... when a piece of information is received, that information is acted on and it can change the status of a file," he said.
- Homicide files are never closed unless a charge is laid, he added.
- "We're always encouraging people to come forward because it may be that one piece of information we need to actively start investigating again and perhaps the piece we need to make an arrest."

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Third sought in man's beating

Two youth are facing charges with police looking for a third "person of interest" in the attempted murder of a Clayton Park man from earlier this week.

A 17-year-old male from Timberlea and a 16-year-old female, who has family in the Sackville area, were both arrested by HRM police in Truro on Wednesday.

The male is facing charges of accessory after the fact of attempted murder, drug possession and theft and possession. Police allege drugs were found on the youth during his arrest. The female is charged with theft and possession.

Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter says the case took a step forward after the victim's vehicle, which was stolen, was found abandoned in Montreal on Monday afternoon — roughly 24 hours after the 37-year-old victim was found in his 200 Willett St. apartment suffering from severe head injuries after being severely beaten.

Palmeter says speaking with the victim, who is still recovering in hospital, also "was instrumental in leading to the arrests."

Palmeter says the two youths recently returned to the province from Quebec.

He alleges they were in the car that went to Montreal.

As for a third person sought, Palmeter describes him as a "person of interest" and believes he was involved in the assault.

"At this point, the motive isn't known."
HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE SPOKESMAN CONST. BRIAN PALMETER

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▶ Palmeter

Property crime spikes, say police

Police happy with crime numbers, acknowledge more work needs to be done



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A three per cent rise in the city's crime rate was mostly driven by a spike in property crime, according to second quarter numbers released by Halifax Regional Police on Thursday.

Property crime, like theft and breaking and entering, rose by 10.4 percent in the second quarter, and 11.5 per cent so far in 2010.

So despite an 8.6 percent reduction in the number of violent crime this year, HRM's total crime rate rose by three per cent.

"We're happy that violent crime has gone down this quarter," said police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter.

"There's still work to be done. We would like the numbers across the board to be lower. But we said all along that we do experience these spikes and peaks that do affect our numbers."

Palmeter said the rise in property crime was very strongly connected to a rise in thefts from vehicles, as well as thefts from homes.

He said many of the home invasions were a result of occupants leaving doors or windows unlocked.

Violations

Other criminal code violations, such as prostitution and weapons charges, have also decreased by 2.2 percent so far in 2010.

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▶ A Halifax Regional Police officer looks through evidence in this photo from June.

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▶ Graham Steele

Will N.S. go it alone online?

N.S. doesn't need ALC agreement to pursue online gaming ◐ Decision due in fall: Steele



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Nova Scotia will continue to consider running its own form of online gambling, despite comments by Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams.

Williams said he opposed the idea of setting up a provincial online gambling site, even though Atlantic Lottery Corporation estimates $50 million in revenue flows out of the province to international gaming companies.

He said Newfoundland doesn't have to "scratch and claw" for money.

But Finance Minister Graham Steele said Nova Scotia doesn't need approval from other provinces to go ahead with an online gaming initiative.

While he acknowledged gambling takes a social toll, he said the government has mechanisms for dealing with problem gambling.

"Gambling has a social cost, but then so does alcohol," said Steele.

"Just outright banning gambling doesn't strike me in particular as the best approach."



Dexter backs trial of new MS treatment



"I'm going to be instructing and working with the minister of health to ensure that this position is advanced in the health ministers' meeting this fall."
PREMIER DARRELL DEXTER

Premier Darrell Dexter has added his voice to a growing chorus of support for a national clinical trial for a controversial treatment for multiple sclerosis.

Dexter's comments in favour of the province's participation in a trial came in response to the Manitoba health minister, who wrote a letter to her provincial, federal and territorial counterparts seeking support for so-called liberation therapy.

The treatment is based on a theory that narrowed neck veins cause blood-borne iron deposits to build up and damage brain cells, and that unblocking the veins will help people with MS.

Dexter says his government would agree to a program that is led by the federal Health Department and agreed to by the other provinces.

Nova Scotia's government has to date resisted calls to fund the therapy, but Dexter says he is willing to await the results of a clinical trial before making a final decision.

He says the province owes it to those with the disease to fully consider the merits of the treatment.

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Decision on new prison coming soon

Justice Minister Ross Landry told reporters on Thursday the province is getting closer to a decision on where to construct a new correctional facility.

"We've done the initial environmental assessment, and we're now just following up to make sure that there's no other further action in regards to the environmental issues need to be addressed," he said.

The province is considering locations in Addington Forks in Antigonish County, Derbert in Colchester County, and Thorburn in Pictou County for the new 100-cell facility.

Landry said he expects a decision on the location sometime "in the very near future," and construction to begin in the spring of 2011. ◐ ALEX BOUTILIER

Sneak peek at the new transit centre

Members of the media will get to tour the newly completed Ragged Lake Transit Centre on Friday.

Mayor Peter Kelly will join South Shore MP Gerald Keddy and Hammonds Plains MLA Mat Whynott on a tour of the new facility, which is opening later this month.

The Ragged Lake facility will house approximately 150 buses, as part of Metro Transit's $100-million five-year strategic plan.

The municipality is currently in the early stages of a transit expansion program, which includes the Ragged Lake facility, as well as a new Dartmouth terminal, 10 new buses, and the expansion of the Access-a-Bus program.

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▶ People participate in a yoga workout at St. Mary's University on Thursday.

A new way to keep fit and have fun at SMU

New fitness facility will be open to the public ◐ It's 'impressive': SMU president ◐ Slated to open in 2012

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A parking lot at Saint Mary's University was joyously ripped up a little on Thursday.

It was the official groundbreaking of a new $8-million fitness facility called the Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness.

It will be an extension to The Tower building, which will also be renovated.

It's slated to open in 2012.

"It will be an impressive academic, athletic and recreational complex," said Colin Dodds, SMU president and chancellor.

And the best part for non-students: It will be open for community use.

With two MLAs in attendance, Richard Homburg told the audience how he tried to get government funding but had to move forward without any.

"I believe it's something Halifax is missing," said Homburg, who is contributing $5 million.

He said people will be able to go there to get advice on what fitness activities they can do to stay fit.

"This is all about body, mind and spirit."
GABRIELLE MORRISON, SMU VP OF ADMINISTRATION

The details

- The centre, an extension to The Tower, will be 20,000 square feet.
- The Tower will be renovated as well.
- There will be studio space for fitness classes and an "oasis" lobby on the first floor for students to study and relax.
- There will be academic space on the second floor, as well as space for the health and wellness initiative.
- Two international conferences on health and wellness have already booked in the months after the centre's opening in 2012.

A first for C.B. cyclists

Earlier this week, white lines were painted on the road linking Kings Road to George Street through Membertou First Nation indicate the area is for bicycles only.

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Police looking for robbery suspects

Police are looking for three men who they say robbed a delivery person at gunpoint in Dartmouth on Wednesday night.

The alleged incident in the 200 block area of Wyse Road in Dartmouth took place at 9:40 p.m. Police say the victim — who transports cars and was dropping one off at the time of the robbery — had cash stolen, but wasn't injured.

Police believe a handgun was the weapon used in the robbery.

The suspects are described as men between the ages of 18 and 23.

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Tentative deal in labour action

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▶ Farmers Dairy employees walk the picket line in this photo from last month.

Union, Farmers Dairy have been on lockout or strike — depending on who you ask

A month-long work stoppage may soon be over at Farmers Dairy.

The Nova Scotia company announced Thursday it had reached a tentative agreement with the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union.

About 250 employees began walking the picket line July 10 at the Farmers Dairy plant on the Hammonds Plains Road over a dispute about wages and pension benefits.

The union and the Farmers Co-operative Dairy were at odds over whether it was a lockout or strike.

The union said the company walked away from bargaining, but the company countered that it had negotiated new contracts with its other unions and planned to do so again.

"This tentative agreement reflects compromise and willingness on both sides to reach an agreement which meets the needs of our company and our union employees."
DEREK ESTABROOK, VP OF MARKETING FOR FARMERS DAIRY

Details of the deal have not been disclosed but the membership is expected to vote on the offer over the next few days.

The workers have been without a contract since October.

About 125 Atlantic Canadian dairy farmers own the company.

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Back-to-school supplies needed

The Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank is asking for the public's help in addressing an urgent need for school supplies donations.

According to executive director Mel Boutilier, the food bank is in danger of being overwhelmed as the school year approaches.

"It comes down to a choice between buying school supplies and having enough money left over to pay the utilities, rent or putting meals on the table," Boutilier said in a release.

He also said each year they see an increase in the number of families needing help.

Donations can be made at the 2415 Maynard St. location or by calling 425-2125.

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Motor oil spilled into river

A crash on Highway 104 in northeastern Nova Scotia has resulted in the spill of motor oil into a tributary of West Barney's River.

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New slogan for N.B. Liberals

New Brunswick Liberals have unveiled their slogan for the Sept. 27 provincial election — "The Future Matters."

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New Glasgow man sentenced for murder

A 26-year-old New Glasgow man has been sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to second-degree murder.

John David DeWolfe was charged in the stabbing death of Bruce Philip Smith of New Glasgow, who died in his Washington Street apartment in June 2008.

DeWolfe was scheduled for a judge and jury trail in Supreme Court this September but the accused changed his plea to guilty and a joint recommendation of life in prison with no chance of parole for 16 years was reached between the defence and crown late last month.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS FILE PHOTO



▶ John David DeWolfe

A sentencing report describes the murder as gruesome with the victim being stabbed numerous times after he died.

The accused has been in custody since the 2008 murder.

A second man, Trevor Daniel Broderick, 22, pleaded guilty to a second-degree murder charge in April 2009 in connection with the murder. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

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▶ The Harbour Hopper — a favourite of tourists — cruises through Halifax Harbour in this file photo.

Tourism up by 30,000 visitors over start of '09

- Visits up all around, including for road, air travel
- Rise in visitors from all parts of Canada, save for West



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The province has welcomed more than 30,000 visitors during the first half of 2010, compared with the same period in 2009.

The province released its June tourism statistics on Thursday, showing a four per cent increase in visitor traffic for the month compared to the previous year.

There is also a four per cent increase for 2010 — an overall increase of 32,640 visitors.

816,000
The number of visitors the province has welcomed in the first half of 2010.

Room nights are up six per cent for June and three per cent for the year.

Domestic travel is up four per cent overall, with an 11 per cent decrease from Western Canada the lone blemish.

Minister of Tourism Percy Paris called the overall figures "a good start to the tourism season," but pointed out the numbers for July and August will give the province a better sense for the year as a whole.

Surpassing the tourism numbers for July and August of 2009 will be tough as Halifax played host to several major events last summer, including the Tall Ships Festival and outdoor concerts featuring Paul McCartney and Kiss.

FATAL CRASH

Car, bus collision on Hwy. 104 kills woman

A woman is dead following a collision between a passenger vehicle and a tour bus on Highway 104.

The crash occurred Wednesday near Monastery.

RCMP say their preliminary investigation indicates the women's westbound vehicle crossed the centre lane and collided with the tour bus shortly after 4 p.m.

The victim, who is from Richmond County, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police say there was extensive damage to the bus, but none of the 50 passengers on board were seriously injured.

The highway was closed for about four hours while police investigated the accident.

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Man, youth face drug charges

Two people are facing drug charges after police searched a residence in the 2100 block of Barrington Street on Wednesday.

Police say the search yielded marijuana, crack cocaine and prescription medication.

A 29-year-old Halifax man and 16-year-old male youth each face charges of drug trafficking and drug possession.

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City man faces theft charges

Police arrested a 46-year old Halifax man they say they caught with break-in tools on Thursday.

Just after 2 p.m., Halifax Regional Police officers noticed a man selling another man a GPS unit on Fenwick Street. Officers questioned the vendor and determined the GPS to have been stolen.

The man was in possession of two GPS units he admitted stealing from the Westin Hotel. He is facing charges of theft as well as possession of break and enter tools.

Police say thefts from vehicles in central and west Halifax is on the rise and advise motorists to keep items out of plain view when they are not in their vehicle. METRO HALIFAX

News in brief

Fashion takes to the streets

FESTIVAL. The Fashion and Design Festival will feature entertainment and outdoor runways on Argyle Street on Friday beginning at 8 p.m. and at the Grand Parade on Saturday from 1 to 10 p.m.

"The event is about developing the fashion industry on the East Coast," said Linda Day, director of events. METRO HALIFAX

Duo face drug charges

KINGS COUNTY. Two men are facing drug charges from a short-term drug investigation in Kings County.

Jamie Scott Hiscoe, 18, of Aylesford is charged with one count of possession for the purpose of trafficking in crack cocaine.

David Lawrence Johnson, 41, also of Aylesford, is charged with one count of trafficking in cocaine, another for trafficking in cannabis marihuana and another for trafficking a Schedule 3 drug. METRO HALIFAX

Journalist dies after accident

LENGTHY CAREER. Peter Cotter, who spent 15 years with the Cape Breton Post after a lengthy career in radio across the Maritimes in the 70s, 80s and 90s, died suddenly Tuesday after an accident at his Sydney home. CAPE BRETON POST

Castles, dragons set to rise at Clam Harbour

Sculpting entrants include individuals, families, large groups Thousands expected to watch contest



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You may think sand is boring, but wait until you see what sculptors can do with it at Clam Harbour Beach on Sunday.

David Jones, project manager for the 32nd annual Clam Harbour Beach Sandcastle and Sculpture Contest said there's something about the sand on this beach that makes it perfect for sculpting.

"You end up with some pretty fantastic, Walt Disney-like sandcastles that stand four or five feet high," Jones said.

"You also get lots of sea creatures, dragons and boat sculptures with ocean-related themes and they can be quite stunning as well."

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▶ A sand sculpture from last year's event.

Day at the beach

▶ **Serious sand play**
Registration starts at 8 a.m. and judging starts at 2 p.m. The winners will be announced at 4:30 p.m.

There will be at least 70 teams competing this year and over 15,000 spectators are expected to attend.

Abram Waterman, a sand artist and sculptor, will be helping out the competitors and creating his sculpture described as "one of a kind."

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▶ Look out! A bullish bull sends spectators running for cover.

Sheer mayhem as bull sees red, hops into crowd

Spectators trampled as it leaps into the stands

A bull leapt into the packed grandstands of a Spanish bullring and ran amok, injuring 40 people as it charged and trampled spectators, regional officials said Thursday.

Video showed the bull jumping several metres high out of the ring, clearing two barriers before landing in the stands and raising a panic as it lurched through the screaming crowd.

The incident occurred Wednesday during an event attended by about 3,500 spectators, in which mostly young people try to get a bull to charge at them so they can dodge it.

The 500-kilogram animal was brought under control by experienced bull handlers after several minutes at the arena in Tafalla in the northern region of Navarra and killed.

"What could have been a tragedy ended up as a big fright," said Tafalla Mayor Cristina Sota.

The injured included a 10-year-old boy who was in intensive care after the bull reportedly fell on him.

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"I was with my friends when the bull jumped over ... Somebody must have pushed me, I fell to the ground. I got a pretty big fright."

ENEKO GOYENA SESMA, 16

Watch a video of the bull leaping into the stands at metronews.ca/world

Blowing smoke's a film no-no

A new study shows there's less smoking depicted in movies in recent years.

Tobacco use on the silver screen peaked in 2005 and has been on the decline ever since.

Movies released last year showed about half the number of smoking incidents than films four years earlier.

Last year, about half of the 145 movies in the study didn't show any smoking at all.

For films aimed at children or teens, the percentage was even higher at 61 per cent.

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Oh, no ... The moon's shrinking

The moon is shrinking but it won't be disappearing any time soon.

New research indicates cracks in the moon's crust that have formed as the interior has cooled and shrunk over the last billion years or so.

That means the surface has shrunk, too, say scientists in the journal Science.

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Man, 44, faces child porn rap

Police say a 44-year-old man from Bowmanville, Ont., is facing child pornography charges for allegedly pretending to be a 17-year-old during online conversations.

Police say that undercover officers discovered that images of child sexual abuse were available over the Internet from a Bowmanville address, and images were also located at the man's home.

Police say the man has also posed as a teenager and engaged in conversations with girls online.

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Gulf oil getting misty

Underwater oil was measured close to BP's blown-out well off Louisiana coast

A 35-kilometre invisible mist of oil is meandering far below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, where it will probably loiter for months or more, U.S. scientists reported Thursday in the first conclusive evidence of an underwater plume from the BP spill.

The most worrisome part is the slow pace at which the oil is breaking down in the cold, 4.5 C water, making it a long-lasting but unseen threat to vulnerable marine life, experts said.

Earlier this month, top federal officials declared the oil in the spill was mostly "gone," and it is gone in the sense you cannot see it. But the chemical ingredients of the oil persist more than 800 metres beneath the surface, researchers found.

And the oil is degrading at one-tenth the pace at which it breaks down at the surface. That means "the plumes could stick around for quite a while," said study co-author Ben Van Mooy of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, which led the research published online in the journal Science. Monty Graham, a scientist at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab in Alabama who was not involved in the study, said: "We absolutely should be concerned that this material is drifting around for who knows how long."

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Leak

About seven per cent of the oil from the leaked well went into this particular plume, said Samantha Joye of the University of Georgia.

Oil Given the slow rate at which the oil is degrading in the cold water, she and others said it is too early to even think about closing the books on the spill: "The full environmental impacts of the spill will thus not be felt for some time."

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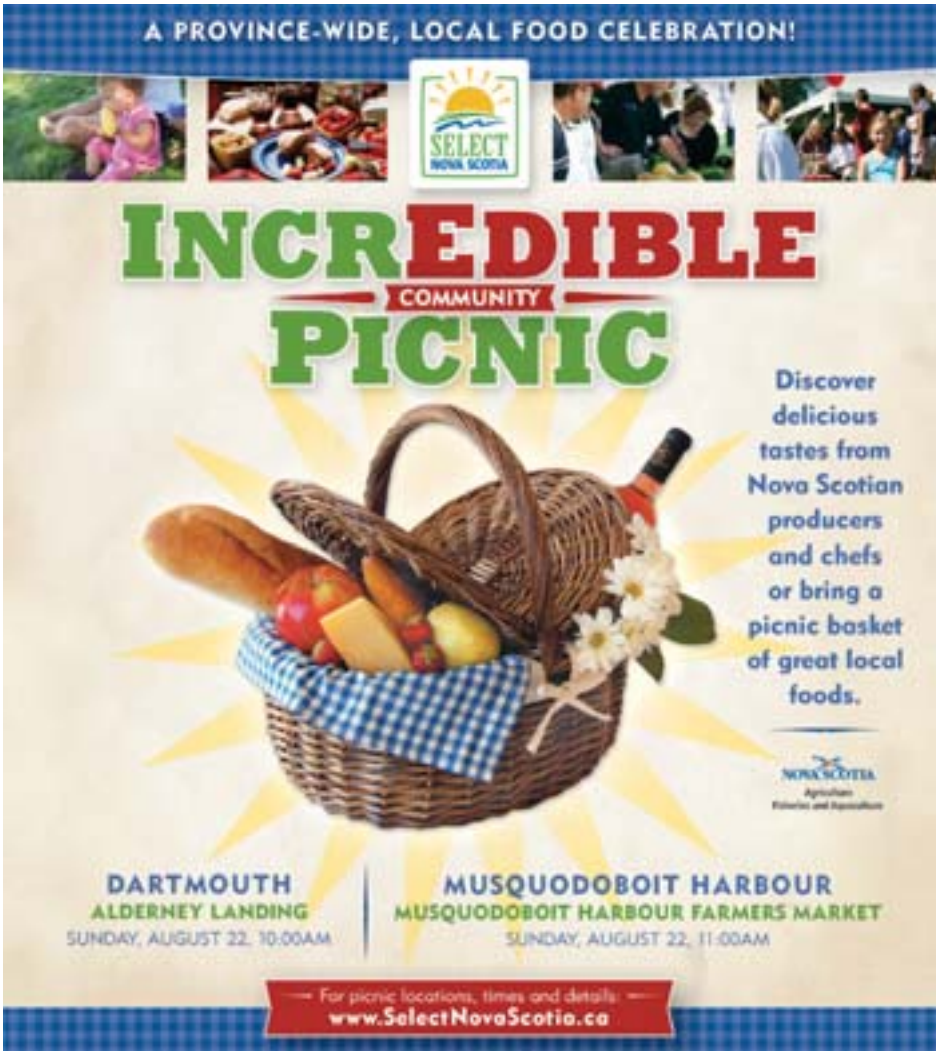


▶ This photo provided by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution shows Chief Scientist Rich Camilli, left, a WHOI environmental engineer, and co-principal investigator Chris Reddy, a WHOI marine chemist and oil spill expert, aboard the research vessel Endeavor in the Gulf of Mexico.

Defining the plume

Previous attempts to define the plume were "like watching the Super Bowl on a 12-inch black-and-white TV and we try to bring to the table a 36-inch HD TV," said Woods Hole scientist Chris Reddy. The paper, fast-tracked for the world of science, was written on a boat, he said.

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News in brief

Another 5 years to recover: Mayor

NEW ORLEANS. Five years after Hurricane Katrina destroyed New Orleans, Louisiana, the city's mayor says its recovery, slowed by the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, will take at least another five years.

Mayor Mitch Landrieu reported Thursday on the city's progress as it continues to deal with the effects of Katrina and the BP oil spill. Both events, he said, brought the coast "to its knees." He addressed a luncheon at the National Press Club, where Gulf shrimp was served. As Landrieu urged listeners to visit Louisiana, he also emphasized the need to lift the moratorium on deepwater drilling.

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Plant growth reversed, says new study

ENVIRONMENT. Plant growth that had been spurred by global warming has reversed, despite temperatures that continue to rise, according to a new study.

Researchers say the change could affect food security and development of biofuels.

The amount of carbon taken up by growing plants increased from 1982 through 1999 as temperatures rose and the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere increased.

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Jailed men can't be part of inquiry: Judge

LAW. Two men jailed for their roles in the deaths of four Mounties near Mayerthorpe, Alta., won't be allowed to take part in the fatality inquiry into the shootings, even though neither has ever testified in court about what they know concerning the buildup to the crime.

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1/3 of criminal immigrants deported had drug rap: Stats

U.S. Nearly a third of criminal immigrants removed from the United States last year had committed crimes involving "dangerous drugs," statistics released by the Homeland Security Department show.

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▶ Facebook employees write on the Facebook "wall" at Facebook headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif., amid the launch of Facebook Places.

Pregnant Tamils stay in custody

Two pregnant women who arrived in Canada on the Tamil cargo ship MV Sun Sea must remain in detention for at least another week.

The women, who are being held at the Alouette Correctional Centre for Women in Maple Ridge, B.C., took part in an Immigration and Refugee Board hearing.

The board ordered them to stay in custody while federal officials work to confirm their identities.

Another hearing was scheduled for Aug. 26.

Malini Dyonisius, a lawyer representing some of the migrants, says the women didn't expect to remain locked up for so long. She's warning freedom may be months away.

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Check in at the bar — on Facebook

Canada monitoring new device because of privacy issues: Official

Facebook Places in the U.S. on Thursday turned heads in Canada.

The service will allow Facebook users who are happy to post pictures and declare what they are doing to use their mobile phone to "check in" at their favourite bar, park, shop or any place they like.

Fans of these location-based social-networking tools love the fact that they can tell their friends where they are at any given moment.

Of course, there are privacy concerns.

"We haven't had an opportunity to fully examine the new tool. However, this is something we are monitoring very closely and with great interest, given the obvious privacy issues," said Anne-Marie Hayden, spokesperson for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada.

On the move

More than 150 million of Facebook's 500 million members access the social network from their mobile devices.

- Though they are still new, location services present "endless possibilities" to businesses, said eMarketer analyst Debra Aho Williamson.
- "Marketers want to reach consumers when they are at the point of making a purchase decision and location services offer that opportunity," she said.

The commissioner's office held a series of consultations on online tracking last year, and plans to publish a report in the fall.

A Facebook spokesperson said the new service comes with easy-to-follow control settings to opt out.

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Inuit rejoice over EU seal ban delay

Canada's largest Inuit organization has won a court application to suspend implementation of a European Union ban on imported seal products.

It marks a setback for animal welfare activists who argue the ban is needed to stop an inhumane slaughter.

The unexpected ruling came a day before the ban was to take effect.

The Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, which represents Canada's 53,000 Inuit, learned Thursday that the European Court of Justice had agreed to impose a delay because the court needed more time to consider the group's case.

News of the decision from Luxembourg came only hours after Prime Minister Stephen Harper denounced the EU ban, saying the legislation is a "disgrace" because it is based on "no rational facts." He said the ban discriminates against Canadian sealers.

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News in brief



Harper promises jobs

NEW BRUNSWICK. Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Thursday the creation of a civil servant payroll centre in a region of New Brunswick bracing for possible job cuts if a move to abolish the long-gun registry proceeds.

Harper said the establishment of the facility in Miramichi would more than make up for any layoffs at the Canadian Firearms Centre, which administers the registry and employs about 200 people in the city.

"Let me assure you, the jobs we're creating at this announcement today will absorb any job losses in the firearms centre many times over," Harper told a news conference.

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Accused mom released

MONTREAL. A woman accused of trying to kill her teenage daughter shed tears of relief Thursday as a judge granted her release and gave her permission to visit the alleged victim.

Montreal police said after Johra Kaleki's arrest in June that investigators concluded it was an "honour crime."

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Dispute moves to cabinet

OTTAWA. The fate of Telus Corp.'s multimillion-dollar telecommunications contract with the Defence Department now rests solely with the federal cabinet.

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PAKISTAN'S

Fears grow that Islamic extremists will recruit Pakistani flood victims ◐ 20-million people affected



Islamist terrorists may exploit the chaos and misery caused by the floods in Pakistan to gain new recruits, the country's president warned Thursday — remarks echoed by a leading U.S. senator who said America would stand by its vital wartime ally during the crisis.

The floods have affected 20-million people and about one-fifth of Pakistan's territory, straining its civilian government as it also struggles against al-Qaida and Taliban violence. Aid groups and the United Nations have complained that foreign donors have not been quick or generous enough given the scale of the disaster.

"All these catastrophes give strength to forces who do not want a state structure," President Asif Ali Zardari said during a press conference with John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, after the two visited some of the country's hardest-hit areas and a relief camp.

$150M
Amount U.S. assistance to Pakistan will be raised to, according to Massachusetts Senator John Kerry

"There is a possibility that the negative forces would exploit the situation," Zardari said. "Like they would take the babies who have been made orphans and take them to their camps and train them as the terrorists of tomorrow."

Zardari's government has been criticized for failing to respond quickly enough, and Islamist charities — at least one of which has alleged links to terrorism — have been active in the flood-hit areas.

More than three weeks after the floods first began, the U.S., Germany and Saudi Arabia all announced new pledges of aid, while Japan said it would send helicopters to help distribute food, water and medicine.

The Asian Development Bank said it would redirect $2 billion of existing and planned loans for reconstruction.

"If we don't do it quick, if we don't do it well, what will the Pakistani people think?" asked Juan Miranda, the development bank's director general for Central and West Asia. "We have to put every road and every bridge back into the shape where they should be."

'Take me to jail,' said Toronto mayoral hopeful

Toronto mayoral candidate Rob Ford revealed Thursday he was arrested in Florida in 1999 for driving under the influence and marijuana possession — one of several brushes with the law.

A City of Miami police affidavit states Ford was nervous after being pulled over while seen driving apparently without having any lights on.

When Ford, who had a strong smell of alcohol on his breath, stepped out of the vehicle, he took all of his money and threw it to the ground.

"Go ahead, take me to jail," he's quoted by the police report as saying.

Ford, whom recent polls suggest is the front-runner to replace outgoing Mayor David Miller, held a news conference outside his office Thursday about the incident. He said he wanted to "set the story straight" after a newspaper report revealed he was charged with having a marijuana joint in his pocket.

The pot possession charge was dropped, but Ford pleaded guilty to DUI for failing to give a breath sample to police.

"I am not perfect. I have never claimed to be perfect," he said Thursday.

Other brushes

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Rob Ford in a mug shot taken following his 1999 arrest by the Miami-Dade Police Department.

- **Hockey fight** Ford said that when he was 18, he was charged with assault over a hockey fight. But that charge was dismissed, he said.
- **2008 incident** Charges of assault and threatening death involving a 2008 incident with his wife were also dropped, he said.
- **Debate remarks** When a Tamil member of the audience at a televised mayoral candidates debate on Tuesday asked about the role of refugees in the city, Ford replied: "We can't even deal with the 2.5-million people in the city. I think it's more important that we take care of the people now before we start bringing in more."

Ford said he paid a fine of about $500 US and did 50 hours of community service coaching football.

Ford isn't the first popular Toronto politician to harbour controversial views. Salesman turned mayor Mel Lastman spent six years in the top job despite an impressive record of cringe-worthy comments.

He once mused about ending up in a "pot of boiling water with all these natives dancing around me" ahead of a trip to Kenya, was photographed shaking hands with a Hells Angels member at the height of public concern about the proliferation of criminal biker gangs, and even threatened to kill a journalist.

The similarities between Ford and Lastman weren't lost on one Toronto newspaper, which ran a front-page photo of Ford under the headline "Bad Boy" — a tongue-in-cheek reference to Lastman's regional furniture store and the notorious slogan that made him a household name.

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▶ Toronto mayoral hopeful Rob Ford responds to a question at a local synagogue Thursday.

ORPHANS AT RISK

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▶ Pakistanis displaced by flooding fight for blankets at an aid distribution camp Thursday.

U.S. to China on crisis: 'Step up to the plate'

Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. special representative for Pakistan and Afghanistan, told the Asia Society in New York that the United States was the first and largest contributor, and he challenged other countries, especially Pakistan's close ally China, to "step up to the plate."

Holbrooke said "many billions" of dollars would be needed to help Pakistan rebuild. He spoke ahead of the UN General Assembly meeting to spotlight the immediate need for $460 million for food, shelter and clean water.

Pakistan is vital for America's strategic goals of defeating militancy and stabilizing neighbouring Afghanistan so its troops can one day withdraw.

Before the floods, Washington had already committed to spending $7.5 billion over the next five years on humanitarian projects in Pakistan.

That money already included plans to deal with infrastructure, water and power problems in Pakistan, and Senator John Kerry said at least $200 million would now be refocused toward tackling challenges in those and other areas directly posed by flooding.

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Statscan: Economy slow, not stalled

Canada's economy will continue to churn out growth, but the pace is set to slow further as the housing market cools and the U.S. economy falters, according to a Statistics Canada report released yesterday.

The Statistics Canada leading economic indicator index — a monthly gauge of where the economy appears headed in the coming months — slowed to a 0.4 per cent increase in July, after a gain of 0.7 per cent in June.

That's the smallest gain for the index recorded in more than a year.

A cooling housing market will slow Canada's economy going forward, but the figures still signal continuing growth.

The housing index continued to retreat from its recent highs, declining 4.1 per cent.

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NYSE. Expendables



▶ The Expendables, from left, Jason Statham, Sylvester Stallone and Terry Crews.

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Mission accomplished

Cast members of the movie The Expendables ring the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange in New York yesterday.

Market moment

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
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			Gold contracts $1,235.40 (+ $4)

Intel agrees to buy McAfee for $7.68B

Future is in security, says chip-maker Deal positions Intel to expand in smartphone market

Intel Corp. said yesterday it is buying computer-security software maker McAfee Inc. for $7.68 billion US as the chip-maker adds to its arsenal of tools to serve an increasing array of Internet-connected devices, including mobile phones.

The $48-per-share price represents a 60 per cent premium over McAfee's Wednesday close of $29.93. McAfee shares surged 58 per cent after the deal was announced Thursday to hit $47.42 in premarket trading. Intel shares slipped 2.5 per cent to $19.11.



▶ Intel CEO Paul Otellini

Intel, which is based in Santa Clara, Calif., said security is now a fundamental component of online computing, but today's approach to security isn't adequate for the growing availability of Internet connections on mobile phones, medical devices, ATMs, automobiles and elsewhere.

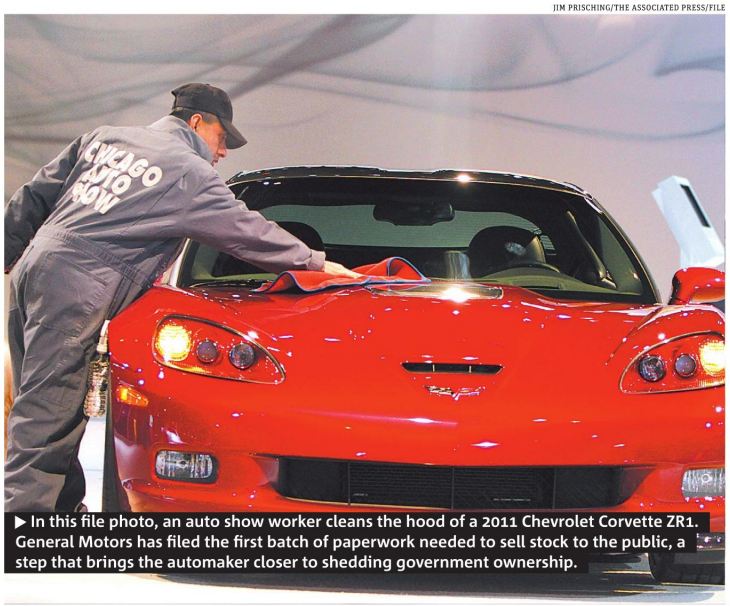
"In the past, energy-efficient performance and connectivity have defined computing requirements. Looking forward, security will join those as a third pillar of what people demand from all computing experiences," Intel CEO Paul Otellini said

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▶ In this file photo, an auto show worker cleans the hood of a 2011 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1. General Motors has filed the first batch of paperwork needed to sell stock to the public, a step that brings the automaker closer to shedding government ownership.

GM hoping investors see potential

▶ Latest CEO takes over in September ▶ Historically, GM stock has beat market average

Would you buy stock in a company that has hemorrhaged tens of billions of dollars for years and run through four bosses in quick succession just because it's turned a profit for a few months?

That is essentially what General Motors will ask investors to do when it takes itself public again with one of the largest initial stock offerings ever. With the stock market already on edge, it's a lot to expect.

The good news: Long-time investors say buying during bad times is the best way to make money with auto stocks, provided you have a stomach of steel.

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The number of vehicles industry analysts predict GM will sell next year, with predictions of about 14 million in 2013. So if GM can increase its market share, its profits will rise as well.

"The stocks look expensive when profits are low, but that's traditionally when you should get in," says Standard & Poor's analyst Efraim Levy.

GM filed papers Wednesday with regulators detailing its plans to return to the New York Stock Exchange and to list on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Experts say the offering could come as early as October.

The company earned $1.3 billion from April through June, its second profitable quarter in a row and a remarkable turnaround since its 2009 bankruptcy.

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GULF SPILL

BP won't release info

The company that owned the oil rig that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico is accusing BP of withholding critical evidence needed to investigate the cause of the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, according to a confidential document obtained by The Associated Press.

The new complaint by Transocean follows similar complaints by U.S. lawmakers about difficulties obtaining necessary information from BP in their investigations.

In a sternly worded letter to BP's attorneys, Transocean said the oil giant has in its sole possession information key to identifying the cause "of the tragic loss of 11 lives and the pollution in the Gulf of Mexico."

BP spokeswoman Elizabeth Ashford said Transocean's accusations were misleading and misguided. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quebec fund recovering

Canada's largest pension fund manager said yesterday that it continued to slowly recover from the dismal results of the past as its assets grew 2.33 per cent to $135.8 billion in the first half of 2010.

The Caisse de depot et placements du Quebec said it added $4.1 billion of value during the period ended June 30.

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▶ Jamie Baillie

5 MINUTES WITH: JAMIE BAILLIE

Jamie Baillie, the current and future leader of the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservatives, is making a return to politics after a six-year absence.

Leader-elect, but not yet elected, Baillie has yet to announce where he'll try to secure a seat in the legislature.

What are you most excited about, being back in the politics game?
Well, it's a great honour to be selected as leader of a political party. It's a great honour to represent people in the house of assembly, which is another step I'll be taking on the road. That, to me, is both humbling and exciting.

The Tories are currently in third place, behind the NDP and the Liberals. What do you see as the role of the PC party in the immediate future?
Look — it's a majority government. They don't need us to help them govern.

Our job is to criticize them when we think they're wrong. Many opposition parties stop only at that, but I don't believe that's our entire job. Our job is also to provide a better way forward.

How has the party changed since you were premier John Hamm's chief of staff?
The party has gone through a lot of ups and downs since then, including losing the last election rather badly.

I think it's important that the party understand why that was and learn those lessons ... There are certain principles that I believe in, that conservatives believe in, that premier Hamm exemplified, like balancing the budget, like keeping the government focused and efficient on the things that it does best.

"I think we learned an additional lesson. And that is: Being conservative is about more than balancing the budget."

Over the years since premier Hamm left, I think we learned an additional lesson. And that is: Being conservative is about more than balancing the budget.

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Chivalry vs. girl power

Letters & Tweets

We asked: Buying your own engagement ring: Girl power or desperate act?

TORONTO. For myself, I would have to say girl power cause I'm going out tonight to buy my engagement ring.

My boyfriend has given me the money for it and all and, as he put it, he wants to make sure that it's the ring that I want as he knows that I'll be the one to wearing it, not him.
TINA SPRAGG

EDMONTON. @DT_princess a girl buying her own engagement ring? Desparate. Where's the chivalry? Romance? Bah. =)

We asked: What reality show would you like to go on?

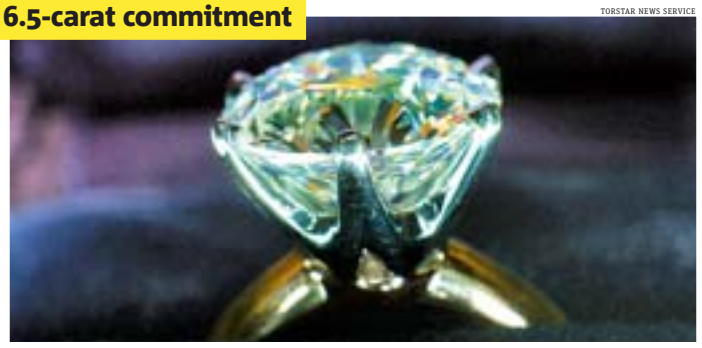
TORONTO. The reality TV show I would like to go on is The Bachelorette, The Bachelor, Big Brother, Amazing Race and Beauty and the Geek if it still airs.

The reason is that I like to go on TV for the first time, get some exposure, and find the right girl to be my future wife on the Bachelorette or the Bachelor.

Also to see the world on the Amazing Race and to attract a beautiful model-like girl that can help me be a sociable guy and I can help her intellectually.
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Metro Minute with the Highlanders

Several streets in downtown Halifax will see a parade of Highlanders during the lunch hour on Friday for the annual Freedom of the City parade.

The 78th Highlanders from the Halifax Citadel will march from the national historic site beginning at 11:45 a.m., then go left on Sackville Street, left on Brunswick Street and right onto Barrington Street to city hall.

At city hall, Mayor Peter Kelly will reaffirm the regiment's right to the Freedom of the City, which was first accepted by the unit in 1999 as a tribute to all British military units that served in Halifax from 1749 to 1906.

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Phone sex, assumed infidelity — romantic comedy Going The Distance takes on highs and lows of long-distance relationships ◆ Director Nanette Burstein's background in documentary, Justin Long and Drew Barrymore's chemistry added to film's natural feel

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▶ Real-life lovers Justin Long and Drew Barrymore star in Going The Distance, in theatres next week.

Going The Distance and keeping it real

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Next weekend Going The Distance — yet another star-studded romantic comedy — will be hitting screens headlined by Drew Barrymore and Justin Long.

However, the movie might catch some people off guard as it's a far more realistic representation of a relationship than audiences are used to from the genre.

"A lot of romantic comedies are fairy tales which are fun to watch, but I really wanted to make a film that was more grounded," director Nanette Burstein told Metro.

She's an interesting choice to infuse the rom-com with realism as well, given that Burstein's previous experience has been in documentaries including the Oscar-nominated On The Ropes and American Teen.

"Ever since film school I've wanted to make non-fiction and fiction movies," revealed the director. "I've been reading a lot of different scripts from the studios to direct and I really responded to this. I loved the tone, the honesty, the humour."

Going The Distance is about a seemingly ideal couple who live on opposite sides of America. Obviously that leads to misunderstandings and a variety of zany shenanigans involving phone sex and mistaken infidelity. But there's also a lot of anger, frustration, and emotion that grounds the film with some surprisingly harsh realities.

For Burstein, making the film as realistic as possible was of vital importance and it even led to shooting scenes with her two stars in New York unannounced and without a crew as if it were a documentary.

"We were so stealth and had such small cameras that people didn't even realize that Drew and Justin were there. Most people just walked by, which was exciting for the actors."

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Burstein in her own words

On choosing real-Life couple Drew Barrymore and Justin Long
"I deliberately chose a real couple because they had such a wonderful natural chemistry together and also because the movie has lot of comedy in it involving things like phone sex and sex on a dining room table. So it was great to have two actors who felt so comfortable with each other. That way they could just really go for it with the comedy."

On Justin Long's curious work habits
"Justin couldn't stop getting naked on set with Drew. He seemed to love it."

How documentaries prepared her for fiction
"There was actually a lot that I could draw upon, primarily from being able to draw a story out of life. As a fiction director, especially when you're helping develop the script or rewriting it on set, I think your sense of story is really important. Also knowing how to make people very comfortable on camera. Helping real people feel comfortable on camera isn't that different from helping actors feel very natural on camera."

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In brief



Despite two years of low ratings, the Grammy nominations will once again be unveiled in a prime-time special. The Recording Academy this week announced a Dec. 1 live broadcast of the nominations.
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Not much to turn on

The Switch
Genre: Comedy
Directors: Josh Gordon, Will Speck
Stars: Jennifer Aniston, Jason Bateman
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Well, two months have gone by so it's time for another Jennifer Aniston date movie! As you'd expect from anything starring the haircut from Friends, it's pretty bland and inoffensive (despite what Bill O'Reilly says). The movie does have three solid comedic actors to carry the laughs, but there's nothing that will appeal to anyone outside of the date movie crowd.

Jen wants to have a baby, so she goes for artificial insemination. Jason Bateman plays her best friend and secret lover who switches in his semen after some booze. Years goes by and she returns with a kid who acts an awfully lot like the main character from Arrested Development. Think they'll get together? Hmmm…

The movie plays out exactly as you'd expect. The only surprise is that Bateman makes his character work as do Juliette Lewis and Jeff Goldblum in the required best friend roles. It's OK for a cheesy romcom and maybe even a little better than most. But that's not saying much. If you want a gentle chuckle with a happy ending and no risks, then The Switch is for you. ◍ PHIL BROWN



Lottery Ticket
Genre: Comedy
Director: Erik White
Stars: Ice Cube, Bow Wow
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You have to hand it to Lottery Ticket — the film at least has a fairly decent premise. Even if it is slightly familiar.

Kevin (rapper turned actor Bow Wow) is an honest kid just trying to get by in a bad neighbourhood filled with thieving gangbangers and stuck-up girls. But when Kevin suddenly wins millions in the Friday lottery, he must survive the weekend to cash in the lucky ticket.

Enter the rest of the cookie-cutter caricatures including a shoe-obsessed bully, a charlatan preacher and the dubious neighbourhood kingpin. In fact, the only real people Kevin can seemingly trust are his protective best friend (Brandon T. Jackson), a platonic gal pal and a reclusive ex-fighter (Ice Cube) who hasn't left his basement apartment in 20 years for reasons unknown. While Ice Cube gives a fairly engaging performance, most of the characters in Lottery Ticket are excessively over-the-top or just plain unnecessary.
◍ STEVE GOW

Nanny McPhee Returns
Genre: Family
Director: Susanna White
Stars: Emma Thompson
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Emma Thompson returns to her favourite snaggle-toothed character once again in Nanny McPhee Returns — a sequel of sorts to the Oscar-winning star's 2005 hit feature.

Originally based on a series of children's books, Thompson (who also wrote the script) crafts an original story based on author Christianna Brand's popular character. In this version, the frightfully unibrowed nanny with magical powers helps a family trying to keep their struggling farm out of deadbeat Uncle Phil's (Rhys Ifans, excellent as usual) prying hands while the head of the household is off fighting for his country during World War II.

While some may argue period films are typically unappetizing to younger audiences, Thompson draws a clever script that balances a great amount of wit, fantasy and tenderness quarterbacked by the Mary Poppins-like caregiver.
◍ STEVE GOW

Spike Lee returns to New Orleans

Five years after he documented the horrors of Hurricane Katrina, Spike Lee returned to New Orleans with his new movie showing the city's agonizing efforts to return to normal.

The premiere this week included hours one and four of the HBO documentary, If God Willing and Da Creek Don't Rise.

"The first hour was very, very emotional," said Sharon Starks, 53, who said she had a purse full of tissues after seeing the first Lee film on the hurricane. "But the second hour I was just angry. It was about the BP oil spill and I just felt they came along and violated us on top of everything else."

Lee also produced When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts, after Katrina struck in August 2005. That movie detailed the overwhelming losses and the pain and suffering the hurricane and the breaching of the levees caused.

"I have mixed feelings," said Althea Pierce, 79, who lost everything in the Aug. 29, 2005 storm, but has since rebuilt her house. "It's very painful to relive the storm, but I'm hopeful because of the progress we're making."

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ALTHEA PIERCE, 79

In the new movie, Lee returns five years later to see how plans to rebuild New Orleans have played out.

The city has seen many areas rebuilt since the storm. There are still areas of New Orleans that remain deserted, but the population, 450,000 before the hurricane, has grown to 380,000.

It airs on HBO Aug. 23 and 24.

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▶In this publicity image released by HBO, director Spike Lee is shown during the filming of his documentary, If God is Willing and Da Creek Don't Rise, in New Orleans.

Salute to The Exorcist

Eli Roth film explores demonic possession ▶ 'What we've done here is make a great movie...'

CHRIS ALEXANDER
FOR METRO CANADA

Though he's known primarily as the gorehound enfant terrible behind the controversial Hostel films, filmmaker Eli Roth is not an easy artist to pigeonhole.

Outside of writing and directing both the grisly Hostel — and its even more gruesome sequel — Roth has worked as an actor for his friend and collaborator Quentin Tarantino in both Death Proof and Inglourious Basterds, and now, Roth steps back to quietly pull the producers strings in director Daniel Stamms hotly anticipated thriller The Last Exorcism.

"I always wanted to make a movie about demonic possession and exorcism," says Roth, in Toronto recently to promote the film.

"But how do you top The Exorcist? That was the question and the answer is, you cant. But what you can do and what we've done here is make a great movie that acknowledges The Exorcist without imitating it."

Shot in first person style, the film stars veteran character actor Patrick Fabian (Big Love) as shyster preacher Cotton Marcus, who is trying to redeem himself by proving that demonic possession is a sham.

Linking up with a TV documentary crew, Marcus travels to the backwoods of nowhere to exorcise a young farm girl (Ashley Bell). He gets more than he bargained for.

"The beauty of shooting in first person, fake documentary format is that you can strip away the make-up effects," the producer admits.

"It's effective and further blurs the line between the natural and the supernatural. There's a compelling clash between science and religion at play here and the audience is left guessing if the girl is possessed or is just mentally ill."

The Last Exorcism opens wide next Friday.

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▶ Shyster preacher Cotton Marcus (Patrick Fabian), tries to redeem himself by proving that demonic possession is a sham, but he gets more than he bargained for.

Creepy Cinema

After the juggernaut success of William Friedkin's 1973 shocker The Exorcist, Hollywood has embraced the Devil. Here are a few notable classics:

- **The Omen (1976)** Gregory Peck learns his son is actually the Antichrist
- **The Sentinel (1977)** Underrated thriller about an NYC apartment building built over the gates of hell
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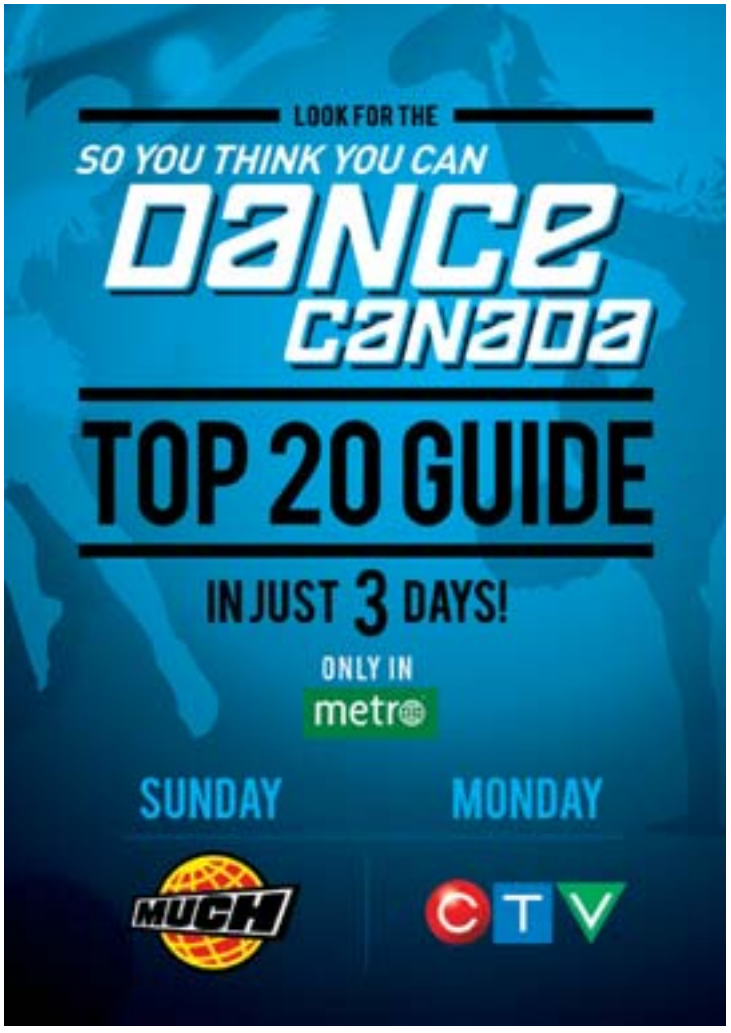
Bite into Piranha 3D

Mere words cannot describe how awesomely gnarly Piranha 3D really is, how hugely entertaining, and how urgently you must get yourself to the theatre to see it. This is not a joke, by the way. This movie is a complete blast.

To borrow a phrase from the kind of B-horror flicks to which Piranha 3D is such an effective homage: Run, don't walk. Like Snakes on a Plane, which came out in the dead of summer four years ago, Piranha 3D knows exactly what it is and does exactly what it should do. It's about piranhas ... in 3-D. It's cleverly knowing without collapsing into parody.

It makes great use of its extremely random cast, including Elisabeth Shue in an unusually bad-ass role as a sheriff, Ving Rhames as her deputy and Jerry O'Connell as a Joe Francis type. Christopher Lloyd has one great scene in full-on, crazed Christopher Lloyd mode as the resident fish expert. The second you see Eli Roth you know some hideous fate will befall him. And then there's Richard Dreyfuss, who makes a very cute cameo off the top. That's all we'll say.

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Frasier star connects with '60s in Flipped

John Mahoney played Kelsey Grammer's dad in hit series ◗ Actor prefers intuition to character research



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Best known for his role as ornery Martin Crane on the long-running Frasier, John Mahoney has been a staple of film, TV and theatre — he got his start at Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre — for decades.

And though he celebrated his 70th birthday in June, Mahoney is still at it, with roles on Burn Notice and In Treatment and as wisdom-dispensing grandfather Chet Duncan in Rob Reiner's new coming-of-age film, Flipped. Mahoney sat down with Metro to talk about how an actor prepares, balancing stage and screen work and the appeal of the early '60s.


▶ John Mahoney in Flipped.

How did you go about developing your character for Flipped?

I looked for what his flaws would've been, and I tried to layer in there that he liked to give a little advice — and we all do, no matter what generation it is. You know, 'When I was a kid, when I was this, when I was that. We never did that,' or 'We knew how to behave.' But I just tried to make him as human as I could by layering in real or imagined self-aggrandizing more than anything else.

But that was about it. I couldn't put in any deep, dark secret past in there because I just don't think there was one. I didn't want to manufacture anything.

How much work do you do figuring out a character's backstory?

You know, all actors work in different ways, and a lot of people do a lot of research. I don't, to tell you the truth. I read the script and I memorize the lines, and then I think a little bit about the character. But I like to act intuitively. I like to just see what happens. I like to see how a line is said to me before I determine how I'm going to reply to that line. So it's always new to me, whether it's stage or screen or television.

The book Flipped is based on isn't set in the 1960s, but the movie version is. Why do you think there's been so much fascination with that time period lately?

I don't know what it is. I think in the case of Flipped, the innocence of the period. It was just before so many cataclysmic things were happening — assassinations and invasions — I just think [director] Rob [Reiner] was looking for a beautiful time that he could explore innocence and decency before the world went crazy and before we became so technologically obsessed and everything else. I mean, it was such an innocent age when you look back on it.



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▶ The Expendables had a surprisingly strong opening weekend.




▶ Julia Roberts stars in Eat, Pray, Love



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Rolling Stone

Magazine



The music magazines gets soaked in blood for its newest edition, with a cover featuring True Blood's Alexander Skarsgard, Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer. The TV threesome are naked, except for a few blood spray patterns. The article inside reportedly offers True Blood creator Alan Ball's thoughts about vampire sexuality.

City Island

DVD



Andy Garcia's crowd pleasing City Island comes to DVD and Blu-Ray on Tuesday. Set in a quaint fishing community on the outskirts of New York City, the movie stars Julianna Margulies, Academy Award-winner Alan Arkin, and Emily Mortimer.

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Wake Up or Die Poor

Books

Unsure what to do with your finances? Author Christina Quinn offers up some advice on how to get your disposable income working for you in her new book. She wants you to think of yourself as a business, with rules designed to make sound financial and purchasing decisions.

wakeupordiepoor.com

Man of Steel

Comics

Fans of the Man of Steel will want to pick up this guide to everything, well, super. This A-to-Z look at everything from Abdul (a genie who emerges from a lamp found by Jimmy Olson) to Zynthia (a character in the Superboy comics) is essential reading and offers interesting insight into characters and storylines.

Telephone, the Office Version

Pop Culture

Lady Gaga's popular song got a nine-to-five makeover with an office-based parody. Instead of Gaga being led to a prison cell, a look-a-like is escorted to a cubicle, where she is forced to work. The lyrics has also received a makeover: "Just a week / vacation and I know where I would be / Party in New Delhi / With our outsourced I.T."

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Metro pick



▶ Natalie Portman

Black Swan trailer now online

Movies

It won't be in theatres until later this year, but the trailer for director Darren Aronofsky's new film, Black Swan, is now on YouTube. The film about a ballerina has a little bit of everything; dance, sex, and even demons. This is Aronofsky's follow-up to The Wrestler and it stars That '70s Show's Mila Kunis and Academy Award nominee Natalie Portman.

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Mix of Six

Halifax Fashion and Design Festival
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Downtown Halifax

Hosted by L'Image Fashion East Magazine, the event will include fashion shows, live entertainment and networking opportunities.

There will be an outdoor runway on Argyle Street on Friday night and at Grand Parade from Saturday from 1 to 10 p.m.

QMJHL exhibition hockey
When: Sunday, 4:30 p.m.
Where: Halifax Forum

Yes, we're gearing for the start of a new hockey season and the Halifax Mooseheads will try and work out some kinks when they take on the Saint John Sea Dogs in preseason play. It will be the first home exhibition game for the Herd.

Dr. Hook featuring Ray Sawyer
When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where; The Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia

The spirited eye patched lead singer of the group Dr. Hook has been touring around the world since the break-up of the band in 1984. Tickets are $36.50 and are available through Ticket Atlantic.

Shakespeare by the Sea
When: Friday through Sunday
Where: Point Pleasant Park

This summer theatre tradition continues with performances of Treasure Island, Julius Caesar and Twelfth Night. For information and times, visit shakespearebythesea.ca.

Nova Scotia's Largest Sand Castle Contest
When: Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Clam Harbour Beach

Time to dig out your sand pails and shovels and show off your artistic ability as this popular event is back for its 32nd edition. Judging takes place from 2 to 4 p.m., with the winners announced at 4:30 p.m.

Weir Rockin
When: Saturday, 7 p.m. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.
Where: Weir Field, Upper Sackville

Take a trip down memory lane as rockers Loverboy headline this 10-act show on the outskirts of HRM. Tickets are $30 each and are available through Ticket Atlantic. Must be 19 years or over to attend.

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Shepherd does double duty



▶ Sherri Shepherd will host next season's The Newlywed Game, which will air on the GSN channel in November.

Sherri Shepherd is going to be on view even more starting this fall.

Shepherd, co-host of the daytime talk show The View, will join The Newlywed Game as host when it begins its fourth season on the GSN channel in November.

"Who does not love The Newlywed Game?" Shepherd said Wednesday. "I've been a fan since I was young, when my grandma would have soap operas on one TV and Newlywed Game on another."

The GSN show, which was hosted by Carnie Wilson, will tape 65 episodes with Shepherd beginning in September. The season starts Nov. 1, with the show airing 6 p.m. EST Monday through Friday.

Production on The Newlywed Game is moving from Los Angeles to New York, where Shepherd tapes ABC's The View.

She said she doesn't foresee any problem balancing work on the two daily shows and sees The Newlywed Game as providing a welcome change.

"I get to have fun. I'm not going to be arguing with anybody about whether we should pull the troops out of Afghanistan," Shepherd said.

The actress-comedian is also completing work on One for the Money, a film starring Katherine Heigl and based on the Janet Evanovich novel, and will be back on NBC's 30 Rock in the recurring role of feisty Angie Jordan, wife of TV star Tracy Jordan (Tracy Morgan).

"I love to work. If I'm not working, I'm going to get pregnant," joked Shepherd, who has a 5-year-old son.

The Newlywed Game, based on the game show that debuted in the 1960s with host Bob Eubanks, gives three couples the chance to win prizes by showing how much each knows about their new spouse. Shepherd's advice for the contestants?

"I'm gonna tell the women you better make those men feel like they're on top of the world" whether they have the right answers or not, she said. "Otherwise, you're gonna be dealing with a pouting man."

A celebrity edition of the show last season featured its first gay couple when George Takei, who played Mr. Sulu on Star Trek, appeared with his partner, Brad Altman. The couple wed in California in 2008 when same-sex marriage was legal.

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Steven Adler, the original drummer for Guns N' Roses, has a pretty solid handshake for The Most Self-Destructive Guy in Rock.

One stroke, two heart attacks, three botched suicide attempts, several trips to jail and twenty-eight overdoses on everything from heroin on down.

He was so messed up that even by the standards of the depravity set by Guns N' Roses in their heyday, he was too much for the rest of the band. He was fired for drinking too much and taking too many drugs. Even Slash, a guy he had known since childhood (and a fellow junkie), refused to stand by him anymore. From there, his life became worse than you can imagine. For 20 years.

So what do you do if you survive all this? You write a book, of course.

"There's been a lot of stuff said and I want to set the record straight," he says, speaking with a slight slur in his voice, perhaps resulting from the stroke, "but for me, it's very mentally and physically and spiritually healing for me. I couldn't continue with my life. I couldn't move on. I couldn't move ahead with my career, my family, if I didn't say these things. I wear my heart on my sleeve with this book."

He does. My Appetite for Destruction is brutally honest. Adler recounts everything from the sexual abuse he suffered as a child through to all the weirdness and sickness that was part of everyday life as a member of GNR. It also covers all kinds of Gunners' history that even some of the most hardcore fans may not know about.



It was only after he finally got sick of "coming to every morning and then doing drugs," he sought the help of Dr. Drew Pinsky (the Celebrity Rehab guy) that he was able to reverse this death spiral.

"You think everything's party. It wasn't such a party. Being sick, having to go on stage throwing up blood, hospitals — that's what happened.

"I partied harder than any of them and it affected me differently. (Then) for twenty years I was blaming Slash, Axl, Duff and Izzy for letting me down. I let me down."

Now Out

- My Appetite for Destruction: Sex & Drugs & Guns N' Roses is out now.

Adkins releases energetic new album

Trace Adkins was pondering a move to friend Toby Keith's record label when Adkins heard the words every singer wants to hear.

Adkins offered to would fly to Keith's house in Oklahoma to play him what was to become Cowboy's Back In Town, when Keith told him, "I don't need to hear what you do."

"Right there he basically said, 'I know who you are. I know what you do. You don't need to change anything for me,"' Adkins recalled.

Adkins signed on as Show Dog-Universal Music's first recruit and eight months later, the big man's latest is the label's first major release. Cowboy's Back in Town, released this week, is a mostly lighthearted romp that includes just one ballad. In a way, the album represents Adkins' response to the new digital era when record sales are more a means to an end than the ultimate goal. Few artists can expect to sell millions of records these days, so Adkins said his goal with the new set was to draw fans to his live shows. THE ASSOCIATER PRESS

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▶ Trace Adkins



Celebrity tweets



Milla Jovovich [@Milla-Jovovich] This is hilarious! I've got 2 ppl putting a wig on me, 1 girl doing the nails on my left hand and I'm typing w my right! I shld go! Lol!



Matthew Perry [@langfordperry] Recommendation for you gamers out there... alpha protocol on xbox. Closest thing to fallout 3 I have found. And that is high praise indeed.



Neil Patrick Harris [@ActuallyNPH] Rumor Watch 2010: I'm absolutely not leaving LA or the business. Errant reporting, Popeater. Total bunk. Oh, and good morning everyone!

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Biebs wants to barter with Becks

Pop star willing to put on a private show for the soccer star's kids in exchange for dribbling lessons.

Teen pop sensation Justin Bieber knows how to negotiate. He's learned that David Beckham's three sons are huge fans of his music, so Bieber is looking to use that to his advantage. "I am sure he would do anything to make his three boys happy, and if I am their favorite artist I would happily come and put on a private show at the Beckham household," Bieber tells the Sun newspaper. "All I would ask for in return is that we go into his yard for an hour afterwards and he teaches me all those crazy things he can do with a soccer ball." The U Smile singer hadn't previously revealed a predilection for soccer, but it's a good sign that he's open to learning new things. METRO WORLD NEWS

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▶ He also offered to be Becks' swagger coach.

Lohan lobbies for an early exit

Lindsay Lohan's lawyer, Shawn Holley Chapman, met this week with the new judge in her client's case to lobby for an early release from rehab, and her dad, Michael Lohan, thinks that's a great idea. "UCLA's program does not offer the treatment Lindsay needed or needs," he tells the website. "Yes, Lindsay should get out of UCLA, but she needs to go into a program and get family therapy to resolve the issues that caused her problems." METRO WORLD



Hermione's hand-me-downs

DESIGNING WITCHES. Harry Potter star Emma Watson is moving into fashion design, having helped create the 2011 line for British fair-trade clothing line People Tree, according to People magazine. And she's getting a high-profile launch for her work as well, as the line will debut at an eco event next month hosted by Prince Charles. METRO WORLD NEWS





Start to Finish: 1½ hours. Makes 4 Servings.

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▶ Emeril Legasse's Bam Burger With Chipotle, Tomato and Lime Aioli

BAM! It's Lagasse's flavourful burger

Wanted to create a burger that lives up to the catchphrase "Bam!"

And Emeril Lagasse has done just that, offering AP's 20 Burgers of Summer series a seriously over-the-top 250-gram (1/2-pound) burger of prime ground chuck topped with a round of fried fresh mozzarella cheese and drizzled with chipotle, tomato and lime aioli.

"I wanted a balance of texture and flavour in achieving one of the ultimate comfort foods," Lagasse said in an email interview. "I loved the idea of combining a rich fried cheese with prime chuck and the spicy aioli."

Chipotle, Tomato and Lime Aioli

Start to finish: 5 minutes

In a blender, combine all ingredients and purée until smooth. Store in an airtight container and refrigerate for up to five days:

MAKES 125 ML (1/2 CUP).

Fried Mozzarella Rounds

Start to finish: 30 minutes (10 minutes active)

In a wide, shallow bowl, place flour. In a second wide, shallow bowl, whisk together eggs and milk. Place panko in a third wide, shallow bowl.

One at a time, dredge each slice of cheese through flour, shaking off excess, then dip into egg mixture, coating thoroughly. Place slices in panko and coat evenly on both sides. Pass each slice through egg mixture a second time, then again through panko.

Line a sheet pan with parchment paper. Arrange cheese slices on it, then place in the freezer for 20 minutes.

In a medium sauté pan over medium-high, heat oil. Add breaded cheese slices, in batches if necessary, and fry each for about 2½ minutes on the first side, then 1½ minutes on the second side. Move cheese slices to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. **MAKES 4 SLICES.**

Bam Burger With Chipotle, Tomato and Lime Aioli

In a large bowl, season meat with salt and pepper. Gently form into four 250-g (8-oz) patties, being careful not to overwork meat. Cover patties and refrigerate until chilled, about 1 hour.

Heat a grill to medium. Lightly oil grates.

Grill patties for 8 minutes, then flip them and grill for another 7 to 8 minutes for medium-rare to medium or until burgers are cooked to desired doneness.

Place a burger on the bottom of each of the four toasted buns, place a tomato slice on top of the burger, then a slice of fried mozzarella and 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the arugula. Dress the top bun with 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the aioli and place the bun on top.

MAKES 4 SERVINGS.

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Ingredients :

Aioli:
- 125 ml (½ cup) mayonnaise
- 1 canned chipotle pepper with adobe sauce, seeds removed
- Juice of 1 lime
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) tomato paste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) minced basil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) chopped garlic
- 1 ml (¼ tsp) salt

Fried Mozzarella Rounds:
- 50 ml (¼ cup) all-purpose flour
- 4 large eggs
- 50 ml (¼ cup) whole milk
- 500 ml (2 cups) panko breadcrumbs
- 250-g (½-lb) ball fresh mozzarella, cut into four 5-mm (¼-inch) slices
- 250 ml (1 cup) olive oil

Bam Burger:
- 1 kg (2 lb) prime ground chuck
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (½ tsp) ground black pepper
- 4 onion poppy rolls or large sesame-seed hamburger rolls, lightly toasted
- 1 beefsteak tomato, cut into four 5-mm (¼-inch) slices
- 250 ml (1 cup) packed arugula leaves

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Superfood

Yes we love them coated in crunchy toffee or peppered in salt at the movies (washed down with a super size coke) but U.S. researchers claim that Popcorn is actually good for you. Plain popcorn (minus toffee & Co) is packed full of the antioxidant polyphenol, known to have positive effects in helping to fight heart disease and cancer, according to the study.

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Eat, pray then gelato!

Named for a saint and naturally tasting heavenly, San Crispino gelato already was a must for devotees of the Italian treat

When a Roman bus driver gave Elizabeth Gilbert the buzz — "The Best Gelato In Rome" — San Crispino became enshrined in her how-I-found-the-real-me journey-memoir, Eat, Pray, Love. Fans have been making pilgrimages for melt-in-your-mouth inspiration ever since.

In the book that's now become a movie Gilbert recounts her rapturous encounter, not once, but three times in one day, with the gelato. In a single, mouthwatering paragraph, she waxes enthusiastic about the flavours. First she had the honey and hazelnut combo, then she returned for a pairing of grapefruit and melon, and yet again for an exotic nightcap of cinnamon-ginger.

While playing just a bit part in the movie, gelato is getting a big boost from the film's ads, with Julia Roberts, who plays Gilbert, with a puckish look on her face and a cup of (presumably) San Crispino ice cream in her hand as she sits on a stone bench in Piazza Navona.

Gelato worshippers intent on finding this Roman temple of gelato, however, don't get much help from Gilbert. She doesn't say just where she had her San Crispino gelato.

Did love-at-first-lick come on Via della Panettieria, a narrow street near Trevi Fountain?

Or at the San Crispino franchise — horrors! yes, the "best" gelato in Rome is franchised — on Piazza della Maddalena, a tiny square behind the Pantheon?

Or perhaps at the gelateria where the two brothers who founded San Crispino opened their first location, in 1992, on Via Acaia in the working class San Giovanni neighbourhood?

Wherever Gilbert had her gelato epiphany, "we are happy we were cited in the book and especially that she liked our gelato," Pasquale Alongi, one of the brothers, modestly said as lemons were squeezed for San Crispino's "limone" gelato in the "laboratory" on Via Acaia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sage words

Nazzareno Giolitti, whose namesake grandfather first started dishing out gelato in the early 1900s, ventured that eating gelato is "a form of socialization. It's being together with a family."

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▶ Left: Customers place their orders at the San Crispino in Rome, which has been enshrined by Eat Pray Love on the pilgrimage route to melt-in-your mouth pleasure. Right: A customer enjoys some gelato.

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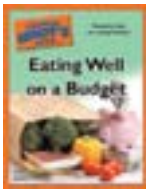
Besides a roof over our heads, food is another necessary item that can take a big bite out of monthly incomes.

That is unless we discipline ourselves to keep track of what we spend on food, says Lucy Beale, co-author with Jessica Partridge of The Complete Idiot's Guide to Eating Well on a Budget.

"We wrote the guide because of the past few years of economic difficulties," says the wellness coach, who worked with her daughter-in-law, a food historian, on the book.

"But it's the kind of book that is universal because everybody could save money on food costs if they wanted to."

The two authors guide their readers through the basic setting up of a food budget while reminding them to get the whole family involved to make it work well.



"One of the reasons many people can't keep the food costs down is because they are cooking less and less," says Beale.

Consequently in the cookbook section of the guide they offer recipes which are "specifically easy to use, make and give fewer directions.

"We also used ingredients which are often on sale or are more inexpensive."

Beale says one of the best ways to save money on food is to cook at home.

"If you make a lasagna, make two and freeze one so you have it on hand."
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Rookie goalie Terenzio at camp after posting a 15-2-2 record, 2.41 goals-against average and .902 save percentage at Shattuck-St. Mary's prep school Came to Halifax on recommendation of former Shattuck-St. Mary's teammate and current Mooseheads blueliner Garrett Clarke

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX



Halifax Mooseheads rookie goalie Anthony Terenzio stretches out in an attempt to make a save during training camp at Cole Harbour Place on Thursday.

Bringing back the little guy to goaltending



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"I guess I get compared a little bit to Martin Brodeur. I'm not as much all over the place as him, I'm a little bit more technical, but I really rely on reaction saves more than anything."
MOOSEHEADS GOALTENDER ANTHONY TERENZIO

It's no secret the hockey world has witnessed a major shift toward larger goaltenders in recent years.

But Anthony Terenzio hopes to lead the next-generation revival of the little guy.

The 17-year-old rookie from New Canaan, Conn., was measured at just five-foot-eight when he reported to Halifax Mooseheads training camp at Cole Harbour Place on Tuesday.

But Terenzio is hardly waiting for a growth spurt to develop into a top prospect.

"I think I'm actually a little bit ahead of the curve," Terenzio said.

"By the time I get to that (NHL) age, the (bigger) blocking style isn't going to be as effective. Guys are becoming better shooters, and you're going to need to have better reflexes and more athleticism to play in the NHL."

The Mooseheads are big believers in Terenzio, who they selected out of Minnesota's Shattuck-St. Mary's prep school in the sixth round of June's draft. So much so, they plan to trade one of their solid veterans, Mathieu Corbeil or Peter Delmas, so they can start grooming him as their future starter.

Terenzio hopes to show he has the skill to succeed in the age of Michelin Man stoppers.

"I can't just go down and into a block and make a save like (bigger guys do) so I really have to be athletic and react quickly to play the way I do," he said.

Even as a backup with the Mooseheads, Terenzio will probably get more starts than he would have had he gone the U.S. college route.

As he enters his NHL draft year, that's fine by him.

"It's more of a pro environment," Terenzio said. "It's my dream to play in the NHL so this was the best opportunity for me."

Notes from camp

- IIHF spokesman Szymon Szemburg tells Metro a ruling on Martin Frk's disputed transfer from the Czech Republic to Halifax will be made early next week, possibly on Wednesday.
- Defenceman William Legay was scheduled to leave camp Thursday night to preserve his NCAA eligibility. Cuts won't be made until after Friday's final intrasquad scrimmage.
- The Mooseheads visit the Saint John Sea Dogs on Saturday at 7 p.m. to open the QMJHL pre-season and host them on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at the Forum. An alumni game will precede Sunday's game at 2 p.m.
- For the latest from Mooseheads training camp on Friday, follow @metroqfiles on Twitter or visit our Q Files blog at www.metronews.ca/qfiles.

Desjardins displays improved skills

Gabriel Desjardins must have had enough of being razzed for his shooting ability.

The soon-to-be 18-year-old winger buried four goals — sniping all of them in the top left corner with a lightning-quick release — to lift Team A to an 8-3 win over Team B in intrasquad action at Halifax Mooseheads training camp at Cole Harbour Place on Thursday night.

"Everyone always (jokes with me) that every time I shoot it's always on the glass or off the net," said Desjardins, who had 11 goals and 21 assists for 32 points in 62 games with the Herd last season.

"I worked hard at it this summer. After practice, 100 pucks, just shoot, shoot, shoot. I made sure my shot was ready."

Competition for the final few forward spots began to heat up on Thursday. Scrappy rookie winger Luke Warner, for example, tried to make his case for a job by agitating his opponents and dropping the gloves with Garrett Clarke and Dylan McGuigan.

"Every rookie's trying to get a spot on a team," Desjardins said.

"It's good competition."
MATTHEW WUEST/METRO HALIFAX

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"To judge him on what happened the other night in terms of being reckless I would say is very unfair."
BRONCOS COACH JOSH MCDANIELS ON TIM TEBOW. THE ROOKIE QB ABSORBED SOME VICIOUS HITS IN HIS DEBUT SUNDAY AGAINST CINCINNATI.

"What he did the other night I hope all of our guys would have done, no matter who it was. Yeah, it's part of his game. But I'm sure he'll learn either the easy way or the hard way that you want to stay in this league as long as you can and we'll help him do that."
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Rainmen bid goodbye to all-star Ervin

Point guard heads to Australia to play for NBL

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▶ Gary Ervin, pictured with the Halifax Rainmen last season, has signed in Australia and isn't expected back next season.

The Halifax Rainmen have lost starting point guard Gary Ervin to a professional club in Australia.

Ervin, the most valuable player of the Premier Basketball League all-star game earlier this year, has signed with the Wollongong Hawks of the National Basketball League.

"I'm here to play hard, work with the guys and really showcase my talents down under," Ervin said in a Hawks press release.

Ervin averaged 15.4 points, 6.5 assists and 6.5 rebounds and was a perennial triple-double threat.

The Rainmen may look to Adris DeLeon to replace him. The young guard was coming on strong for the Rainmen through 10 games last season before leaving Halifax to join the Dominic Republic national team.

The Rainmen made sure to include DeLeon on their five-man protected list submitted to the PBL earlier this month.

Yankees. High-fives



▶ Robinson Cano (24) of the New York Yankees celebrates with Derek Jeter after hitting a two-run home run on Thursday.

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Yanks clobber Tigers

Robinson Cano hit a tiebreaking double and a two-run homer in New York's nine-run sixth inning, sending Phil Hughes and the Yankees to an 11-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One step closer: Russell into final

Dartmouth's Andrew Russell took another step toward a medal at the world sprint canoe-kayak championships in Poznan, Poland, on Thursday.

Russell, a 2008 Summer Olympian, and his partner Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny of Trois-Rivieres, Que., were second in the C-2 1,000-metre semifinal to advance to Saturday's final.

"Andrew and Gabriel appeared in great form and had a great challenge in their semifinal," said Canada's high-performance director Graham Barton. "With a day off (Friday) they should be ready to give everything (they've) got on race day."

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▶ Andrew Russell

Canada loses on wild day in Greece

Canada fell behind early and never recovered to close out the Acropolis basketball tournament with a lopsided 86-71 loss to Slovenia on Thursday.

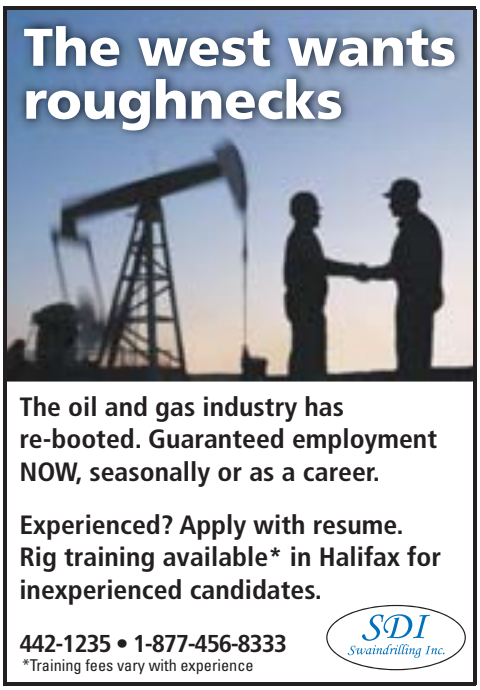
Former Rainman Jevohn Shepherd of Toronto scored 13 points and Montrealer Joel Anthony of the Miami Heat added 11 as the Canadians finished 1-2 at the warmup event for the Aug. 28-Sep. 12 FIBA World Championship in Turkey.

The event finished in a brawl when the last game between Serbia and Greece was abandoned in the closing minutes after a fight broke out and the benches cleared. The chaos stunned a crowd of about 5,000 at the Athens Olympic Arena, as players from the two teams exchanged punches and kicks. A few spectators entered the fray and were quickly shoved out of the arena. Greece was leading 74-73 when the match was abandoned.

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NHL camp wraps up with intrigue

Brendan Shanahan's goal with the NHL's research, development and orientation camp was to take a proactive approach to considering potential changes that could improve the game.

The league tested several modifications to its rules — some slight tinkering and some out of left field — during the two-day camp which wrapped up Thursday. The exercise gave league officials, team executives and players a chance to see various ideas in action during live scrimmages. Shanahan, the NHL's vice-president of hockey and business affairs, thinks it was an important first step.

"I don't really feel like there's a finish line with this project," Shanahan said. "I think it's just a matter of collecting information that could come in handy tomorrow, or it could come in handy five or 10 years from now."

Long process

- Fans shouldn't expect to see changes to the game any time soon.
- The next scheduled GMs meeting is in November and the competition committee and board of governors would need to approve any potential proposals.

On Thursday, no-touch icing was in effect, teams switched ends for overtime (creating a so-called 'long change' with the bench being farther away) and there was a five-man shootout instead of the usual three.

One change that generated some buzz was the use of an off-ice referee positioned on an elevated platform beside the boards. The goal was to create more room on the ice and provide a better vantage point to spot infractions.

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Clemens faces perjury charge

SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Latest in steroid saga sees former ace indicted by federal grand jury

Seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens was indicted by a federal grand jury Thursday for allegedly lying to Congress about using steroids and growth hormone.

The criminal case writes a new chapter in one of Major League Baseball's worst scandals, the rampant use of the banned substances.

A six-count indictment alleges that Clemens obstructed a congressional inquiry with 15 different statements that he made under oath in 2008, including denials that he had ever used steroids or human growth hormone. The indictment says that he lied and committed perjury regarding the same matters.

"I never used steroids. Never performance-enhancing steroids."

ROGERS CLEMENS, SPEAKING UNDER OATH BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IN 2008.

The former pitcher and his former trainer, Brian McNamee, testified under oath at a 2008 hearing before a House committee and contradicted each other about whether Clemens had used performance-enhancing drugs.

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Roger Clemens is sworn-in on Capitol Hill in 2008.

Good day on the links for Weir

HUNTER MARTIN/GETTY IMAGES



Mike Weir.

Mike Weir finally had some reason to smile at the golf course.

The struggling Bright's Grove, Ont., native opened the Wyndham Championship with a 3-under 67 on Thursday morning.

Saskatchewan's Graham DeLaet later matched that.

Weir is having one of the worst seasons of his PGA Tour career. He has just one top-10 finish in 18 starts and sits 125th on the money list with a little less than $560,000 US in earnings.

Arjun Atwal tied a tournament record with a 61 Thursday and took a two-stroke lead at the championship.

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Sports in brief

Harvin taken to hospital

NFL. Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Percy Harvin was taken to a hospital by ambulance after collapsing at Thursday's practice, and coach Brad Childress said Harvin suffered another migraine headache attack.

Haynesworth out again

NFL. So now Albert Haynesworth has a headache.

The story keeps changing, but one thing remains the same about the Washington Redskins defensive tackle: He still isn't practising.

Haynesworth was idle again Thursday, standing to the side for the final workout of training camp.

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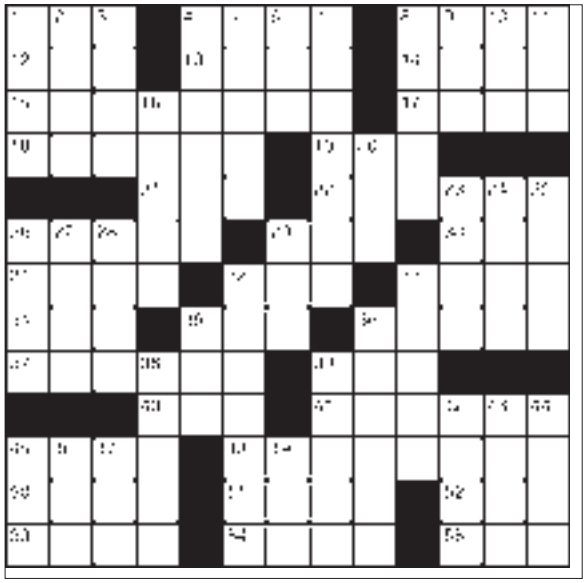
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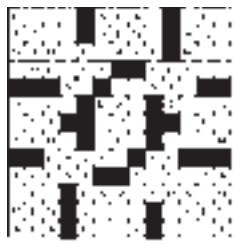
Across

ACROSS
1 Actor Kilmer
4 Clay-rich soil
8 Picture of health?
12 Ostrich's cousin
13 Arm bone
14 100 cents
15 Paper
17 "Where have you — ?"
18 With hands on hips
19 Expert
21 It may be faux
22 Tame
26 Go in
29 Megan or Michael J.
30 Has permission
31 Incite
32 White wine aperitif
33 Nephrite
34 Every iota
35 Slight touch
36 Exhaust pipe output
37 Museum tour guide
39 Spacecraft compartment
40 Comic Leno
41 Pass by
45 Lotion additive
48 Long-shoreman
50 Harmony
51 Levin and Gershwin
52 Journal
53 Nuisance
54 Say it isn't so
55 Ram's mate

Down

1 Sacred Hindu text
2 Uncontrollable
3 1960s White House daughter
4 Of the lower back
5 Bread spreads
6 Massa-chusetts cape
7 Corrida VIP
8 Mediterranean three-master
9 Regret
10 100 square meters
11 Thither
16 Called balls and strikes
20 "Friends" cast member
23 Mosque bigwig
24 Do 48-Across' job
25 Spud's buds
26 "Zounds!"
27 — contendere
28 Body powder
29 Mini-whopper
32 Shrill grasshopper
33 Actor Friedlander
35 "CSI" find
36 Sociable
38 Oust
39 Hickory nut
42 Wan
43 Winter forecast
44 Advantage
45 Venomous viper
46 Caustic solution
47 Switch positions
49 Tramcar contents

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

2			1					
9		5		2	7			4
	4	7	6					
						6	2	
3		8				5		1
	7	2						
					2	9	3	
1			9	6		8		7
					3			5

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	4	8	2	6	7	3	1	9
7	1	3	8	9	5	4	6	2
2	9	6	3	1	4	5	7	8
9	6	2	5	3	8	1	4	7
8	3	1	4	7	6	9	2	5
4	5	7	9	2	1	6	8	3
3	8	5	1	4	2	7	9	6
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XOXO IAN



Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Your head is telling you one thing and your heart is telling you another and you know there can only be one winner. With Mars, your ruler, close to love planet Venus today feelings will count more than thoughts.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 No matter how much work you have on your plate you will get through it in record time today. Everything will go according to plan.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you are looking for love you will find it over the next 24 hours. Someone who is your perfect match in every way will come into your life and before you know it you will be an item. A match made in Heaven!

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The atmosphere on the home front will be excellent today, not least because you are full of life and laughter and love and your attitude rubs off on other people.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Forget about your worries. Forget about your chores. The only thing you should be thinking about today is having fun. Make the most of the Sun in your sign to shine brighter than ever before — and that's pretty bright.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 There may be unexpected bills to pay over the next 24 hours but don't let it worry you because you'll find the cash somewhere.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Venus, your ruler, allied to Mars in your sign endows you with the kind of energy and spirit of enterprise that you wish you could hold on to every day of the year.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Something good is about to come into your life, something that has the potential to make your existence more enjoyable and rewarding.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 One of the best aspects of the year takes place today in the area of your chart that governs friendships and group activities. Don't hide yourself away at home or in the office — get out into the world where you can be seen.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You can persuade almost anyone to do almost anything for you today. No doubt that information will get your mind moving in all sorts of ways but it's in the work area that you will really shine.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Venus and Mars in your fellow Air sign of Libra will bring you the good things in life. Don't feel in the least bit guilty about enjoying them.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 A secret crush won't be secret much longer as you are finding it increasingly difficult to keep your feelings to yourself. Why not come right out and tell that special someone how you feel? SALLY BROMPTON

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